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1. EMBOFFS MET SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN TO DISCUSS PROGRAM WITH DELEGATION MEMBERS (PARA THREE REFTEL B) AND WITH SMAGIN (MINCULT). FENELONOV, DELEGATION LEADER, PRESENTED EMOBFFS WIRTTEN PROPOSAL REGARDING VISIT TO US. EMB POUCHING COPY CU/EE. GOAL OF VISIT DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE TO FAMILIARIZE OURSELVES WITH BASIC PRINCIPLES AND LEVEL OF LIBRARY ORGANIZATION, HTE CURRENT STATE OF AUTOMATION AND MECHANIZATION OF LIBRARY-BIBLIOGRAPHIC PROCESSES, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF LIBRARIES, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF DATA-PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY UNQUOTE.

2. FENELONOV ALSO ENUMERATED A NUMBER OF WISHES REGARDING INSTITUTIONS, INDIVIDUALS, DELEGATION WISHES TO VIST, AS FOLLOWS:

A. NEW YORK CENTRAL PUCLIC LIBRARY.

B. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN COMPUTER-BASED INFORMATION SYSTEMS MARK, RECON, INDEX

C. NATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARY, WASHINGTON, WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MADLARC.

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D. LIBRARY OF MASSACHUSESTS INSITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS.

E. STANFORD UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, PALO ALTO, CALIF. WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST IN BALLOTS SYSTEM.

F. THE OHIO COLLEGES LIBRARY CENTER, COLUMBUS, OHIO

G. A LEADING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (SEE REF C FOR POSSIBLE CONTACT)

H. MCKENNA OF ASSOCIATION OF SPECIALIZED LIBRARIES

I. WARREN HAAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

J. FOSTER E. MOHRAHARDT, PROGRAM OFFICER, COUNCIL ON LIBRARY RESOURCES, SUITE 620, ONE DUPONT CIRCLE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

3. ON QUESTIONING BY EMBOFFS RE SPECIFICS OF DELEGATION'S INTEREST IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, RIABOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LENIN LIBRARY, CONFIRMED DELEGATION MORE INTERESTED IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN CATALOGING, NOT IN STORAGE OF RESOURCE MATERIALS. SPECIFICALLY, DELEGATION INTERESTED CONSTRUCTING LARGE CATALOG SYSTEM USING SMALLER EDP PROCESSING UNITS IN VARIETY OF LOCATIONS TIED TOGETHER THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS LINES. RIABOV, WHO, BY THE WAY, SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH, EXPLAINED THAT SOVS ARE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT SYSTEM IN ONE LARGE MACHINE BUT DO NOT HAVE KNOW-HOW TO ENABLE THEM TO USE SMALLER, SEPARATE SYSTEMS. IN THIS CONNECTION, DELEGATION ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING, CONSULTING WITH FIRMS PRODUCING EQUIPMENT USED IN SUCH SYSTEMS, SPECIFICALLY HEWLETT-PACKARD.

4. DRAWING ON REF A, PARA 2, EMBOFFS INFORMED DELEGATION OF HOPE THAT VIST CAN INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF LONG-RANGE EXCHANGES BETWEEN LIBRARIES. DELEGATION HEAD FENELONOV RESPONDED THAT MEMBERS WOULD STUDY RESULTS OF SEROV-SIKORSKIY VISIT AS PREPARATION FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. EMB WILL REPEAT THIS APPROACH AT LATER DATE. POSSIBILITIES MENTIONED INCLUDED LONGER-TERM EXCHANGES OF SPECIALISTS, MATERIALS, AND LIBRARY SCHOOL FACULTY.

5. DELEGATION PROPOSES TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON OCTOBER SEVENTEEN VIA SU-317. SMAGIN EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT VISIT COULD BE EXTENDED BEYOND FOURTEEN DAYS, DUE AT LEAST UNCLASSIFIED

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IN PART TO NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS.

6. COMMENT: EMBOFFS NOT FAMILIAR WITH INSTITUTION 2F ABOVE. IF CUTS MUST BE MADE, SUGGEST THIS COULD BE ELIMINATED. SUGGEST VISIT TO PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM, IF POSSIBLE EXCELLENT MONTEGOMERY COUNTRY, MARYLAND, SYSTEM, AS BALANCE TO HEAVY EMPHASIS ON UNIVERSITY AND SPECIALIZED LIBRARIES. END COMMENT.

7. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DELEGATION THAT WE WILL TRY
TO HAVE PROGRAM DETAILS FOR THEM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
WOULD APPRECIATE AS MUCH DETAILED INFO AS POSSIBLE PRIOR
TO PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING/LUNCHEON O/A OCTOBER TEN.
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